nation's thinkers—men such as Sir William Crookes and Mr. Arthur Balfour, have been foremost in this field, so in the classical world all that was socially most brilliant was included in their ranks such as Hypatia, Augustine, and the Emperor Julian.

At the same time we have only to take up any truthful history of ancient Rome and be staggered at the appalling profligacy of the upper classes as a whole, in which the ladies of the aristocracy, headed by their empresses, were the most shameless in their sins.

If it is true that the main body of the British nation consists of Romans living again in the flesh as English people, we have here a terrible example of the inexorable law of Karma, for in no other country in the world's history has the misery of enforced celibacy been so marked as in Great Britain. It is calculated that in the suburb of Kensington, 50 per cent, of the women of the upper classes remain unmarried, this enormous proportion consisting mainly of the daughters of profes-

sional men.

Only one modern novelist, Mr. George Moore, has had the courage to deal with this

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